



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**  
ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES

TO: Potential Candidates  
FROM: Alison Lundergan Grimes, Secretary of State

To avoid any delays in the filing of candidate documents to attain ballot access required to file with the county clerk, candidates should directly contact the county clerk in their county of residence for filing procedures and requirements.

To avoid any delays in the filing of candidate documents to attain ballot access required to file with the Office of the Secretary of State, the following is provided:

1. Complete all applicable blanks on the filing form. The Office of the Secretary of State will make the necessary copies for distribution.
2. Candidates and signers must have their signatures acknowledged by a Notary Public, if applicable, and the expiration date of the notary's commission must be stated.
3. All copies of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Optional Request for Reporting Exemption **(not applicable to Federal Candidates who must register with the Federal Election Commission)** should accompany the filing form. The Office of the Secretary of State provides a duplicate copy to the Registry of Election Finance.
4. Checks should be payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

Questions relating to campaign finance procedures and requirements should be directed to the Registry of Election Finance at 502-573-2226. In addition, the Registry's website, <http://www.kref.ky.gov>, provides for the downloading of required reporting forms and a book titled Guide to Campaign Finance. Questions relating to campaign finance matters for federal candidates should be directed to the Federal Election Commission at 1-800-424-9530.

Candidate filing forms may be filed in person or by mail at the following address:

Office of the Secretary of State  
Election Division  
Room 148, State Capitol  
700 Capital Avenue  
Frankfort, KY 40601-3493

If our office may be of further assistance to you, please contact our election staff at 502-564-3490 or by email at [sos.electns@ky.gov](mailto:sos.electns@ky.gov).

**PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT  
INDEPENDENT and POLITICAL GROUP/ORGANIZATION CANDIDATES  
GENERAL ELECTION**

**The Office of President/Vice President of the United States will appear on the 2016 general election ballot.**

<b>Signatures Required:</b>	Each candidate's signature and the signature of 5,000 registered voters from the district or jurisdiction in which candidate seeks nomination.
<b>Earliest date to affix signatures on Nominating Petition</b>	<b>November 4, 2015</b>
<b>Earliest date to file Nominating Petition</b>	<b>November 4, 2015</b>
<b>Latest date to file Nominating Petition (4:00 p.m., local time)</b>	<b>September 9, 2016</b>

<b>Filing Form SBE 64 and SBE 64-2</b>	Nominating Petition
Filing Fee	\$500.00
Filing Official	Secretary of State

**Political Organization Definition:** "Political organization" means a political group not constituting a political party within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section but whose candidate received two percent (2%) or more of the vote of the state at the last preceding election for presidential electors. KRS 118.015 (8).

**Political Group Definition:** "Political group" means a political group not constituting a political party or a political organization, within the meaning of subsection (1) and (8) of this section. KRS 118.015 (9)

Independent and Political Group/Organization candidates seeking the offices of President/Vice President may attain ballot access by filing a Nominating Petition (SBE 64 and SBE 64-2) with the Secretary of State. All candidates except those candidates who have been nominated by any qualified political organization must file a Nominating Petition.

The Nominating Petition shall be signed by the candidate for President and the candidate for Vice President and by a minimum of **5,000** registered voters from the district or jurisdiction from which the candidates seek nomination. Petitioners shall be registered voters and shall include the date the petition was signed, date of birth and residence address. Signatures **shall not be affixed** prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot.

As provided on the Nominating Petition, petitioners will further place in nomination a list of presidential electors providing the name, residential address and signature of each presidential elector.

The names of candidates for President/Vice President shall be certified in lieu of certifying the names of the candidates for presidential electors.

**Please Note:** All information contained in this packet is subject to change per Kentucky Revised Statutes.



NOMINATING PETITION

(Independent candidates or candidates of political groups/organizations filing for President/Vice President under the provisions of KRS 118.315)

TO: Secretary of State  
700 Capitol Ave Rm 150  
Capitol Building  
Frankfort KY 40601-3410

We, the undersigned petitioners, being voters of the same district or jurisdiction from which the candidates seek nomination, and being at least 5000 in number, hereby petition you, as Secretary of State, to cause to be printed on the official ballot of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be used at the general election to be held on November \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, the names of the following candidates of the political group/organization known as \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ or as an independent candidate for the offices hereinafter designated, the names of said persons and their respective residences being as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate for President – Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate for Vice President– Please Type or Print) (Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print) (Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print)  
\_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare that we  
(Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print)  
possess all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the offices for which we have filed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate for President) (Signature of Candidate for Vice President)

Petitioners desire that the above candidates be designated on the ballot under the following attached figure or device:

Petitioners further place in nomination the following named persons as candidates for Presidential Electors for the above-named candidates for President and Vice President, whose names and residential addresses are as follows:

DATE	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR	SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP



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Name of Candidate

Office \_\_\_\_\_

(District if applicable)

Petitioners shall include residential address, signature affixation date, and date of birth. Failure of a voter to include the signature affixation date, date of birth, and residential address shall result in the signature not being counted.

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(Additional pages may be used.)



White copy: Filing officer  
Canary copy: State Board of Elections  
Pink copy: Candidate